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SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
PHU PHAN AREA, THAILAND
1629N 10417E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-2625)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A PROBABLE LIAISON/WAY STATION THAT
IS INDICATIVE OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN NORTHEAST THAILAND.

2. LOCATION:

THE PROBABLE LIAISON/WAY STATION IS LOCATED IN THE PHU PHAN AREA
OF NORTHEAST THAILAND IN A REMOTE WOODED AREA APPROXIMATELY 25 NM WEST-
SOUTHWEST OF SAVANNAKHET, LAOS.

3. COLLATERAL:

A BASIC TERRORIST TEAM CONSISTS OF ABOUT TEN MEN, BUT SOMETIMES
ARE LARGER. FOR SECURITY, SUCH LARGER GROUPS OFTEN POST SMALL SUB-
GROUPS AS PERIMETER GUARDS AND SOMETIMES DIG TRENCHES OR PLACE FALLEN TREES

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AS DEFENSE AGAINST A GOVERNMENT ATTACK.

SEVERAL WELL PLANNED SUBVERSIVE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY POLICE, AND CACHES OF ARMS AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS HAVE BEEN FOUND. ONE CAMP IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE HAD TRIANGULAR-SHAPED FORTIFICATIONS WITH TRENCHES, FOXHOLES, PREDETERMINED FIELDS OF FIRE, AND A FORWARD PERIMETER DEFENSE LINE. A LOCATION IN SAKON NAKHON PROVINCE HAD TWO ADJACENT CAMPS CAPABLE OF HANDLING THIRTY MEN EACH. THERE WERE FOXHOLES, CONNECTING TRENCHES, AND AT LEAST TEN DEAD-END TRAILS OR TRAILS WHICH CIRCLED BACK INTO CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE TWO CAMPS WERE ONLY THIRTY YARDS APART, THEY WERE CONNECTED BY A WINDING TRAIL 150 YARDS IN LENGTH.

THE PRESENT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THAILAND IS SIMILAR TO THE INSURGENCY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1956 AND 1957, WHEN THERE WAS ONLY A SMALL FORCE OF ARMED DISSIDENTS THAT CAUSED INFREQUENT INCIDENTS. THAILAND POSSESSES TO SOME DEGREE MANY OF THE CONDITIONS THAT TEND TO ENCOURAGE INSURGENCY, INCLUDING A SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY, ETHNIC RIVALRY, INACCESSIBLE REDOUBTS, POORLY DISTRIBUTED LAND AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AND A GENERAL INABILITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A PROBABLE LIAISON/WAY STATION CONSISTING OF A SINGLE HUT LOCATED IN A WOODED AREA AT UTM VD248227. ABSENCE OF NORMAL CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY, THE

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PROXIMITY OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INSURGENT-TYPE ACTIVITY 0.5 NM TO
THE SOUTH AT UTM VD247218, AND A CART TRAIL 0.4 NM NORTH OF THE
HUT ARE INDICATIONS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY.

ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L708, SHEET 5860 II.

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PROBABLE LIAISON/WAY STATION

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